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Missionaries Marry

Ten thousand miles away an event occurred last month which had its beginning here in the halls of Bryan University seven years ago. It was a wedding—the marriage of Rebecca Haeger, '38, and Ralph Toliver, '37. July 11th was the date—the bomb-scarred city of Chungking, China, the place.

Ralph and Rebecca were students at Bryan University when they first met. Ralph was a zealous, talented young man who knew that the Lord was calling him into Christian service, and Rebecca a quiet, unassuming young lady who had just come to Tennessee from Miami, Florida. Drawn together by the mysterious alchemy of love, by the God "Who moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform," they found mutual interest and satisfaction in each other's company that ripened through their three years together in college into a genuine love.

Before college days were over, both Ralph and Rebecca knew that the Lord wanted them in China. Appli-

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Construction Work Started

Under the direction of Prof. Lloyd E. Fish, construction tools are once again clanking on Bryan Hill. Present plans call for the laying of the concrete floor in the present hallway and for the building of a physics room and one or two additional rooms, probably to be used by the music department as instruction and practice rooms.

Though it would be highly desirable to do additional building, both to take care of an enlarged group and for the further protection of the concrete flooring yet exposed to the elements, it is thought inadvisable to begin so large a task until such a time as funds are available.

Gifts sent to the University to help with the summer work will also contribute to the progress of Traveling Sam on his nation-circling trip.



The country needs skilled secretaries

Learn to Live as You Live to Learn

Acknowledging that the greatest opportunity Bryan University offers to its students is that of a sound Christian education, perhaps the next and most practicable opportunity is that of working part of one's way through school.

In the first place, many of our young people do not have available the cash necessary to pay for four years of college. Most of them, however, can obtain an amount sufficient to take care of a portion of the costs and need only the chance to earn the balance. The self-help opportunities at Bryan provide this chance and have made it possible for many to attend who otherwise would have been denied the benefits of higher education.

In the second and, we believe, more important place self-help makes it possible for the young man or woman to learn to live, to come face to face with some of the difficulties of real life. The responsibility of having a certain work to do each day makes for dependability in a character, invites a growth of reliability and faithfulness in that person not so easily produced through class work only. For the first time, in many cases, the student is entrusted with a task which must be done, and done well. This is training which he must have in later life—why should he not learn its lessons along with his academic training?

The knowledge that it is up to him and not wholly dad's obligation on which he is to depend develops in the student a keener appreciation of the value of an education. He who said, "What we work for, we appreciate," spoke wisely. The testimony of many Bryan and other self-helping students lend support to this belief.

In the third place, there is the practical training to be had. The man or woman who has cleaned windows, swept floors, milked the cows, cut the grass, cooked meals, worked in the print shop or the library, or who has done secretarial work during his four years in college enters life with a valuable foretaste of what is to come. True, one hardly enters college with the expectation of spending his life after graduation at the end of a broom or mop. Neither does he anticipate repeating the multiplication tables or alphabet. But those much more important tasks to which he aspires are accomplished because of that same elementary training in school—alphabet, mops, and all.

Bryan University offers to industrious young people a training that goes far beyond mere book learning. It is a hard-boiled, practical, everyday life the student lives, and it does, in more ways than one, teach the student to live as he lives to learn.

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—God Above All—

WHEN IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT AN OPPORTUNITY

A Message to People Who Think

The world today is in turmoil—politically, economically, socially, and spiritually. And from this present turmoil will evolve, perhaps slowly, perhaps rapidly, either chaos or depression or both. This unguessable, yet inescapable outcome of the unrest constitutes for young men and women of college age a vital problem of presents and futures.

Couple the greatly increasing demand for war material and other manufactured supplies with the inroads of the selective service law on the employees of the firms throughout the country, and you find an ever increasing demand for new workers and for substitutes to fill the vacancies left by draftees. Not only is there this demand, presenting opportunity for young men and women to secure employment at enticing wages, but there is, at the same time, what is almost a demand for loyalty on the part of those not drafted to "keep the home fires burning" while others give their all in military service.

As is the institution he represents, so is the writer heartily in sympathy with the meeting of these demands for industrial and military service. But he sees in the prevalent tendency of young people to grasp such jobs as are now open to them a definite danger, as potentially disastrous to the country as to the individuals themselves. There is serious need for logical thinking, lest one's patriotic zeal defeat its own purpose and end.

The hazard to the country lies in the possibility that too spontaneous and too general a response to its call for young men and women of college age may so deplete the ranks of scholars as to result in a serious lack

of trained leadership in the trying days of war and in the reconstruction days that must surely follow. The President and other national leaders have more than hinted at this possibility.

Let us assume that half, or even one-third, of those of college age discontinue their scholastic training because of the opportunity for ready cash or for patriotic service other than that required by law and that others are drafted; further, and as logically, let us assume that high school graduates to a somewhat lesser degree but for the same reason do not enter college. On the basis of these assumptions, is it not true that after an apparently inevitable war to the death, the nation must go through its period of reconstruction, handicapped by a lack of adequately trained workers? Is it not equally to be expected that the conditions of the post-war period will more than ever demand trained workers and leaders? And, granting that there is truth in these assumptions and results, is it not evident that the patriotism which brought the results into existence would, indeed, have defeated its own end?

To the individual the danger is no less serious. The opportunity of a sure income has always offered more tempting rewards than has the further investment of money and time in an education which may or may not at a later time yield fruit. To accept the "bird in the hand" is natural. But in this case it is also dangerous. Let us consider further.

The combination of unusual circumstances which is now creating new jobs will necessarily change as the fortunes of war change and as the final outcome is reached. After the war is over and business again settles down into the inevitable post-war depression—what then? Labor supply will exceed demand. Wages will drop to sub-normal level. Unemployment problems will come to the front. Unemployed will walk the streets with want ads in their pockets, wishful hoping in their hearts. And when jobs are at a premium—don't forget this—education is also at a premium. Where then will those be who have grasped too hurriedly at the opportunity for present income in place of the security a completed education might have brought them?

Now, before the die is cast, is it not well also to remember that the

Alumni Notes

By M. L. F.

NEWSETTE extends best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward de Rosset married August 2nd in Evans City, Pennsylvania. Mrs. De Rosset is the former Joyce Hirschy, '40, Ed being a member of the 1939 graduating class. They are looking forward to service in South America, to which place our prayers go with them.

Our sympathy goes out to Janet Webb, '39, whose mother was called to the Lord's presence on July 30th.

W. L. Colvin, '35, has recently been employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority and with Mrs. Colvin will reside in Murphy, North Carolina.

Near Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, at the summer camp for missionaries, Camp Wycliffe, William Wonderly, '36, is a member of the teaching staff. William with Mrs. Wonderly will be returning to Mexico in the fall, where they are engaged in translation work among the Zoque Indians.

Mildred Kuntz, '39, a missionary to the Navajo Indians in Arizona, will spend her vacation at the Camp Wycliffe School of Languages.

government is demanding that the jobs of men who have left industry to enter the service shall be returned to them after they are demobilized? And does this not mean that at that time the young man or woman who forsook further education for temporary employment in one of these jobs may not only lose his job, but, of greater importance, may learn to his sorrow that at a time when workers far outnumber jobs, education will once again be a prerequisite to employment, and those who have prepared themselves will be given preference? This has happened before. May it not happen again?

And, finally, and of most importance, is it not all too possible that the one who said, "I'll work and save enough to pay my way through," may find himself in such a position that, for one reason or another, it is either impossible or undesirable to go back, and that he has denied himself the lifetime benefits—social, political, and intellectual—which might have been his had he but recognized that opportunity does not always present itself in a gown of gold and silver?

Traveling Sam

Having Fine Trip

Having moved rather leisurely through Eastern Tennessee and the Carolinas, Traveling Sam spurred on down around the southern tip of Florida, up the Gulf coast, and back into Georgia, where he stopped in Macon for gas. When asked how he was getting along, he replied:

"Well, folks were mighty good to me all along the road, took me into their homes, gave me plenty of entertainment, and then filled me up with gas and good wishes. It was fine until right along about the end of the month, when I stuck in the sand. If it hadn't been for some good friends with strong arms and willing shoulders, who gave me a push, I might have been down there yet—not that I didn't enjoy the visit. That's the worst part of this trip—a fellow doesn't much more than get to say 'Hello' before he's got to be on the way.

"And now it's on up into Georgia, then west into Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas . . . at least, I hope I get there. If I don't get into Memphis by the end of the month, it sure will be too bad. Got to make my 2,000 miles each month from now on, you know. Guess I'd better write those folks I'm coming."

August Gift Receipts

117	.....	\$10.00	175	.....	10.00
118	.....	1.00	176	.....	5.00
119	.....	5.00	177	.....	75.00
120	.....	1.00	178	.....	1.00
121	.....	1.00	179	.....	3.00
122	.....	1.00	180	.....	1.00
123	.....	25.00	181	.....	38.17
124	.....	21.25	182	.....	14.97
125	.....	2.00	183	.....	5.00
126	.....	10.00	184	.....	16.45
127	.....	5.00	185	.....	23.80
128	.....	5.00	186	.....	7.60
129	.....	1.00	187	.....	5.00
130	.....	4.83	188	.....	25.00
131	.....	27.00	189	.....	2.00
132	.....	13.00	190	.....	5.00
133	.....	10.00	191	.....	10.00
134	.....	5.00	192	.....	6.00
135	.....	5.00	193	.....	6.00
136	.....	3.00	194	.....	2.50
137	.....	1.00	195	.....	5.00
138	.....	120.00	196	.....	5.00
139	.....	1.00	197	.....	5.00
140	.....	2.00	198	.....	6.00
141	.....	2.50	199	.....	5.00
142	.....	3.50	200	.....	100.00
143	.....	2.50	201	.....	5.00
144	.....	5.00	202	.....	3.00
145	.....	5.00	203	.....	1.00
146	.....	1.00	204	.....	1.00
147	.....	1.00	205	.....	1.00
148	.....	3.00	206	.....	1.00
149	.....	3.00	207	.....	.50
150	.....	5.00	208	.....	1.00
151	.....	3.00	209	.....	1.00
152	.....	3.00	210	.....	5.00
153	.....	2.00	211	.....	3.00
154	.....	15.00	212	.....	22.41
155	.....	3.00	213	.....	8.58
156	.....	50.00	214	.....	20.00
157	.....	1.00	215	.....	12.00
158	.....	1.00	216	.....	45.00
159	.....	20.00	217	.....	17.11
160	.....	3.00	218	.....	16.67
161	.....	5.00	219	.....	1.00
162	.....	5.00	220	.....	5.00
163	.....	3.00	221	.....	1.00
164	.....	2.00	222	.....	1.00
165	.....	25.00	223	.....	5.00
166	.....	10.00	224	.....	10.00
167	.....	5.00	225	.....	1.00
168	.....	5.00	226	.....	5.00
169	.....	1.00	227	.....	10.00
170	.....	5.00	228	.....	2.00
171	.....	2.00	229	.....	5.00
172	.....	2.00	230	.....	1.25
173	.....	2.00	231	.....	5.00
174	.....	5.00	232	.....	5.00

Bryan Hill Road Improvement Expected

With gratitude to Mr. John Denton, County Road Supervisor, and to others sharing his responsibilities, students and staff alike anticipate the hard surfacing of the road up onto the campus. Its improvement will mean much, not only to the comfort and convenience of the University people, who have stumbled down the old road for several years now, but also to the hundreds of visitors who come to the campus during each year.

233	.....	1.00	254	.....	3.00
234	.....	.50	255	.....	31.53
235	.....	2.00	256	.....	5.00
236	.....	15.85	257	.....	1.50
237	.....	4.75	258	.....	2.00
238	.....	12.00	259	.....	.50
239	.....	15.10	260	.....	5.00
240	.....	1.00	261	.....	5.00
241	.....	4.10	262	.....	3.00
242	.....	4.10	263	.....	2.00
243	.....	12.94	264	.....	25.00
244	.....	15.00	265	.....	10.00
245	.....	1.00	266	.....	1.00
246	.....	5.00	267	.....	1.00
247	.....	10.00	268	.....	10.00
248	.....	1.00	269	.....	2.00
249	.....	5.00	270	.....	1.00
250	.....	10.00	271	.....	2.50
251	.....	1.00			
252	.....	2.00			
253	.....	1.00			
					TOTAL...\$1334.96

Sam didn't mention it, but we happen to know he lacks about 1,700 miles of meeting the needed monthly average. Let's get behind him.



AN ATHEIST 'GETS US TOLD'

An ATHEIST sent out the following message some years ago:

"Were I a Christian, did I truly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion should be to me everything. I would cast aside earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as less than vanity . . . I would take thought for the morrow of eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained to heaven worth a life of suffering. There should be neither worldly prudence nor calculating circumspection in my engrossing zeal; earthly consequences should never stay my hand nor seal my lips. I would go forth to the world and preach to it, in season and out of season; and my text would be 'WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL?'"

MISSIONARIES MARRY

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cations were made to the China Inland Mission, and the fall of 1938 found them sailing from Vancouver and Los Angeles, respectively. Then followed months that grew into years as they studied language, had their introductions to Chinese ways and customs, and prepared for their work.

But all this period was a time of separation punctuated only by brief visits, or short vacations spent in the same mission compound. The C. I. M. ruling was that both must complete second-section language examinations before they might marry and begin their work together. Two years and eight months after sailing from America, Ralph and Rebecca came to the day of their dreams, when in truth the "two might be one."

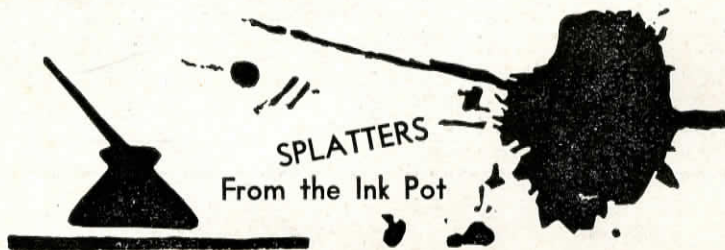
The wedding was a simple, yet beautiful ceremony, the Reverend Bateman, Church of England clergy-

man, speaking the words that united them in marriage. The bride was gownned in white, of Chinese materials, fittingly symbolic of the purity of their love in Christ for each other and for China.

NEWSETTE speaks for the University and for a host of friends and supporters in extending to Ralph and Rebecca, our very own missionaries, alumni, and loved ones in the Lord, the best of wishes and heartfelt prayer that the Lord Who sent them forth will bless, keep, and use them.

WHEN THE PRINTERS GO ON VACATION . . .

When the printers, including the shop supervisor, Mr. Llewellyn, all go off on vacation, who is to publish NEWSETTE? Without answering the question, we beg your indulgence for whatever errors you may find, for whatever marks of an amateur printer you may see. (Who claimed to be anything else?)



Ruhe Rudd (Tribune, Kas.): "I am working in the AAA office in town . . . do typing and work in the files (some files). Hope I'll be seeing you in September."

Hazel Waller (Keswick, N. J.): "NEWSETTE was interesting . . . always love to hear of Bryan. I praise the Lord for this summer at Keswick . . . can't express my love for this place. Dick Mowrey down to see us yesterday." (We are glad to know he is still alive.)

Cecil Hanson (Denver, Col.): ". . . employed by a paper box factory. I have had many delightful trips in the mountains . . . wish you could come and see the beautiful scenery. I am looking forward to another year at Bryan. The Christian fellowship is surely something to look forward to."

Mitchell West (Detroit, Mich.): "Mr. Ford and I make automobiles . . . my work is interesting . . . plant covers 1,200 acres, has 300

miles of railroads, employs 85,000 men . . . buildings longer than the average street in Dayton. Anxious to hear about the work at Bryan."

Prof. Lynip (in school): "Rudds and quartet here yesterday. Judy came down with summer gripe—not serious. One more week of school. It has been delightful. We are looking forward to the coming reunion and Bryan's best year."

Warren Oliff (Guage, Ky.): "Summer has been a very happy and blessed one, working for our Master in these mountains. What a privilege to carry forth the Word of Life. Many have gone forth singing the new song in their hearts. My horse, Pal, and I have many interesting trips—no soreness yet!"

Bobby Thompson (Butler, Pa.): "'Jeloppy' still rattles along . . . better than before. I miss the shop and the fellowship there and most of all the Mountain work, even though I go out three times a week."

Robert McCormick (Pine Lawn, Mo.): "I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Bryan this fall, if the Lord is willing . . . miss the quiet life and Christian atmosphere. Received NEWSETTE the other day and was glad to read about what some of the students had to say. I am working in the tempering room of the Curtis Saw Company, temperature hovers around 120 degrees."

Albert Schwenk (Edwards, Ill.): "Rev. Levenscod here Sunday and as he passed through going farther west. Say hello to the other Bryan folks."

Calvin Miller (Millersville, Pa.): "Arrived home Thursday evening and Friday morning got a job. Found out later a man just quit on Friday, enabling me to take his place. Was that not the Lord's doings? Had a regular reunion at Greenwood . . . one glorious time."

Homer Wright (Camp Wheeler, Ga.): "I am now in the army . . . surely do appreciate my education . . . especially the strengthening of my faith in Christ. I would appreciate your prayers. I am a squad leader and have been appointed as an acting corporal . . . I pray God will wonderfully bless and keep Bryan University . . . will always appreciate the Bible Conference and Dr. Gregg's teaching."